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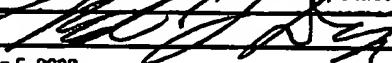
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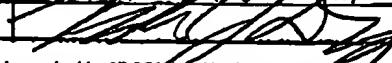
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		First Named Inventor William A. Gindlesperger
		Art Unit 3824
		Examiner, Name Daniel S. Felten
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## Complete If Known

Application Number	085919.00004
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First Named Inventor	William A. Gindlesperger
Examiner Name	Daniel S. Felten
Art Unit	3624
Attorney Docket No.	085919.00004

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1002 390	2002 165	Design filing fee			
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee			
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee			
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee			
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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims below	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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			- 3 <sup>**</sup> =	x	

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20			
1201 64	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3			
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid			
1204 64	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent			
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent			
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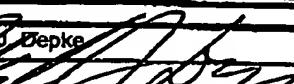
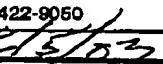
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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification			
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination			
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1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing			
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
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1501 1,300	2501 650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)			
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1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner			
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1809 760	2509 375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))			
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<p>Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.</p> <p>The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 1.17(b)) \$ <u>320.00</u></p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee shown above is reduced by half, and the resulting fee is: \$ <u>160.00</u>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.  <input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>50-1794</u>. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.38(a) (PTO/SB/22) is enclosed.         </p>								
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<p>NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required.          Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Total of <u>2</u> forms are submitted.</p>								

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional) 085919.00004
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	Application Number 09/450,023	Filed 11/29/99
	For SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR COMPETITIVE PRICING AND PROCUREMENT OF CUSTOMIZED GOODS AND SERVICES	
	Group Art Unit 3624	Examiner Daniel S. Felten

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows  
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 55.00.

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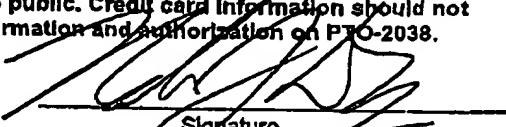
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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

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